

Blue Hill School Committee Meeting
July 11, 2007
Blue Hill Consolidated School
Minutes

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Ben Wootten followed by the salute to the flag.

Members Present: Ben Wootten; John Richardson; Jon Smallidge; Susan Keenan; Alice Herrick

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Art Wittine; Fred Cole; Gail Breslin-Keith; Jan Snow; Meghan Baldrige; David Walsh, reporter for the Weekly Packet.

B. Flag Salute

C. Approval of the Agenda

Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendments: Delete H. #2. and move I.#4 to E#1. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous School Board Meetings

1. Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2007 meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Communications

1. PTF Update - None

2. Grading Policy/3. Report Cards – Gail Breslin-Keith spent a great deal of time (60 minutes) explaining how we got to this point, what the next steps should be, and how we will proceed from here. Comments from School Committee members will go back to CIA Team for consideration and possible revisions. The School Committee will look again at revised grading policy at the August School Committee meeting.

F. Comments and/or Questions from the Public - None

G. Information

1. GSA Report – None

2. Principal's Report

- The C,I,A is very much alive and will lead the school into an exciting school year.
- We had a great pool of applicants for the teaching vacancies.
- Some items will not be ordered due to budget restrictions because of the projected 38K shortfall.

3. Superintendent's Report- The report is attached to the office minutes.

4. Other Reports – None

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H. Old Business

1. Discuss and Act on the Northwest Evaluation Association Testing Program –
Jon Smallidge moved and John Richardson seconded to approve the NWEA Program and wants this to come back to the school committee for approval if the program costs more than four thousand. The motion passed 5-0.
2. Act on School Health Coordinator Proposal – This item was deleted.
3. Board Goals -
The 2007-2008 Board Goals will be as follows:
 1. Consolidation and Curriculum;
 2. Testing and Grading

I. New Business

1. To Act on Grading Policy – No action. The Board will look at this at their August meeting.
2. John Richardson moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the Superintendent's nomination and to appoint Heather Nelson as the Kindergarten teacher for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed 5-0.
3. To Appoint Education Technician III for the 2007-2008 School Year – This position is still open.
4. Update on the Grade 4 and Education Technician II Positions –
Jon Smallidge moved and Susan Keenan seconded to follow the Superintendent's nomination and to appoint Meghan Baldrige to the Grade 4 teacher position for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed 5-0.

Susan Keenan moved and John Richardson seconded to follow the Superintendent's recommendation and to approve Cate Reuter's transfer as Education Technician II for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed 5-0.
5. Susan Keenan moved and Jon Smallidge seconded to amend the Agenda Format (#8375) as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

J. Signing of Vouchers – The vouchers were signed.

K. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Art Wittine
Superintendent

